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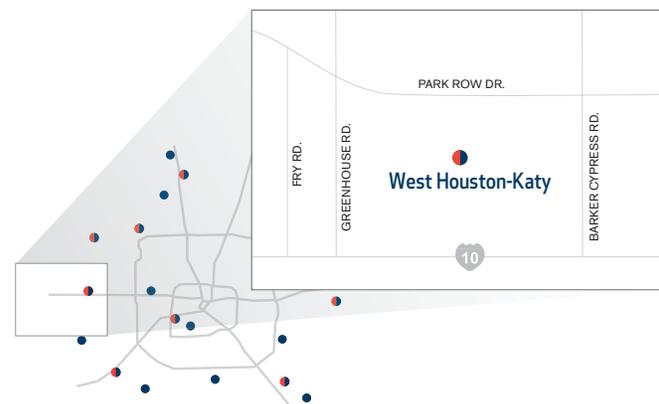


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Paetow players run on the field for a game against Barbers Hill. COLE MCNANNA | FILE PHOTO

# SEASON OPENER

## It's been a wild ride since last August.

We weren't sure when or if there would be a high school football season at this point last year, but sure enough the UIL, each individual district and school were able to perform and execute a plan that got us through the year and allowed us to crown state champions.

The year did not disappoint for Katy ISD and District 19-6A. For the first time in 12 years, a new district champion was crowned in Tompkins and that team made a run in the playoffs into the Class 6A, Div. I regional semifinals.

Katy High bounced back from not winning district by steam-rolling through the Class 6A, Div. II playoffs and claiming the school's ninth state championship in football, tied for the second most in Texas high school football history and only trailing Aledo's 10.

Taylor also made a run to the regional semifinal after finishing third in district and Seven Lakes made its fifth ever playoff appearance.

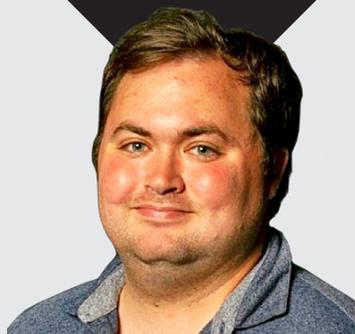
But it's a new year with new faces and new goals.

Katy High will be determined to win another district championship and to win another state title as the Tigers return many key members to last year's team, but Tompkins won't let that championship go without a fight. Though the Falcons lose some big names, there is strong depth in the team and they will do everything in their power to try to repeat.

There will be a fight for the district's playoff spots this year, with every team feeling they have what it takes to make it into the top four.

Taylor will have to find a way to keep the success it has

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**TYLER TYRE, SPORTS EDITOR**

had the past two years going after losing a number of seniors and having big pieces to replace on the offensive line. But head coach Chad Simmons thinks his team will be up to the task.

Seven Lakes is still looking for its first-ever playoff victory and that is the driving force this season, even with the probability of being put in Class 6A, Div. I if the team makes the playoffs.

Mayde Creek is entering a new era under J Jensen, as he returns to his alma mater as head coach and tries to bring stability to the program. The Rams have talented players but will need to find depth and consistency in order to become a playoff contender.

Cinco Ranch seems like it is on the verge of a breakthrough. With Gavin Rutherford back at quarterback and returning experience at many positions, this could be the year the team breaks out and gets back to the playoffs.

Morton Ranch has questions to answer at quarterback this season but head coach Ron Counter likes both options that he has at the position. The Mavericks have finished just outside of the playoffs each of the past two years and with an experienced squad returning, should contend for a playoff spot this year, while Paetow won its first playoff game last year, but has bigger aspirations this season in what could be its last in Class 5A.

In Class 4A, Royal is trying to get back to the playoffs after a four-year drought and in private school coverage, St. John is looking for its next step in a rebuild.

I can't thank the community and coaches enough for how open and supportive they have been since I got here just over a month ago.

It's the most exciting time of the year, football season, and I can't wait to get started.

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BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

**W**in district, win state. It's a new year, but the expectations don't change for Katy High and this year is no exception.

The Tigers didn't achieve their first goal last season but turned in a historic playoff run en route to the school's ninth state championship to achieve their second goal, beating teams by an average of 41.6 points per game in the Class 6A, Div. II playoffs.

Now, the focus is on 2021, and reclaiming the District 19-6A title after not finishing first for the first time in 12 years.

# TWO GOALS FOR TIGERS

"We understood that we were beaten, but we weren't defeated last year," said Katy High head coach Gary Joseph. "Sometimes you worry too much about winning streaks and keeping that alive, when the focus just needs to be on winning ball games. They learned from it and moved on and they know that they have to prepare and be ready for each and every team they play in district. We respect all of them and you have to respect

the work they all put in as well, because once you do, you aren't going to do things halfway. So now we're going to go out and do what we can to try and win a district championship again this year."

The Tigers bring back 24 lettermen, including five offensive starters and six defensive starters and feel good about what they have up front on both offense and defense, despite having to replace some key players.

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**— COACH GARY JOSEPH**

## KATY HIGH SCHEDULE

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| <b>AUG. 27:</b>  | vs. Clear Springs,<br>at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.              |
| <b>SEPT. 4:</b>  | vs. Cy-Woods, at Rhodes<br>Stadium, 7 p.m. (PARENT<br>NIGHT) |
| <b>SEPT. 10:</b> | at Dickinson,<br>at Sam Vantanza, 7 p.m.                     |
| <b>SEPT. 16:</b> | vs. The Woodlands, at<br>Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.              |
| <b>SEPT. 23:</b> | at Seven Lakes, at Legacy<br>Stadium, 6 p.m.                 |
| <b>OCT. 1:</b>   | vs. Tompkins, at Legacy<br>Stadium, 6 p.m.<br>(HOMECOMING)   |
| <b>OCT. 8:</b>   | at Mayde Creek, at<br>Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.                 |
| <b>OCT. 16:</b>  | vs. Cinco Ranch, at<br>Legacy Stadium, 11 a.m.               |
| <b>OPEN</b>      |  |
| <b>OCT. 28:</b>  | at Taylor, at Legacy<br>Stadium, 6 p.m.                      |
| <b>NOV. 5:</b>   | at Morton Ranch,<br>at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.                |

“The defensive line has done a good job of growing up,” Joseph said. “We’re going to be okay at those positions. We just have to get all of them ready.”

Caleb Koger returns for his junior season after passing for 1,552 yards and 24 touchdowns as a sophomore as does Seth Davis, who rushed for 1,755 yards in his sophomore season. Katy has talent at the receiver position with Nic Anderson, an Oregon commit. Caleb Webb and Dylan Erickson will lead the offensive line, and Joseph has been especially impressed by Webb’s leadership.

Defensively, linebacker and USC commit Ty Hana will again lead a unit that held opponents to under 12 points per game last year and Carson Marshall, who was elected a team captain, will help anchor the linebacking unit. Hamilton McMartin will be a leader in the secondary.

“They’ve done a really good job of using the summer to improve,” Joseph said. “We do have a little bit of experience back, but there’s some that are inexperienced and unsure of themselves. We have to get to the point where they have that confidence because I don’t want them being unsure. You have to be able to play this game with a lot of confidence and be decisive. That’s the biggest thing we have to work on.”

Katy High will open the season Aug. 27 against Clear Springs at Legacy Stadium, with the team’s first district game coming Sept. 23 against Seven Lakes.

Joseph is working to make sure the players are ready for that first district game and thinks the teams non district

schedule will get them prepared.

“There’s really three different seasons within the one,” Joseph said. “You have non district, district and then the playoffs. We have set up some games with some really tough non district teams and for me that allows us to create depth. Last year we had guys battle with COVID-19, then

we had injuries and we were able to overcome that because our kids had gotten enough reps where they understood what they were doing, and they got better because they got to play in a game. That’s what non district is about is giving those guys opportunities and creating the depth for everything.”

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**OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP:** Katy’s Fuller Shurtz (83) crosses the goal line following a reception during a 49-24 win over Shadow Creek in the Region III 6A Division 2 semifinal at Freedom Field in Rosharon.

**OPPOSITE PAGE, LEFT:** Katy’s Seth Davis (23) runs for positive yardage a 49-24 win over Shadow Creek in the Region III 6A Division 2 semifinal at Freedom Field in Rosharon.

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# CINCO RANCH DETERMINED

## TO COMPETE FOR PLAYOFF SPOT



Cinco Ranch's Odera Nsobundu and Zach Amaya celebrate a missed field goal by Katy's Nemanha Lazic in the first half of a game at Legacy Stadium.

COLE MCNANNA | FILE PHOTO

**"...THEY'RE OUT TO PROVE A LOT OF SKEPTICS WRONG. I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED."**

**— COACH CHRIS DUDLEY**

### CINCO RANCH SCHEDULE

- AUG. 27:** at College Park, at Wood Forest Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 4:** vs. Aldine Davis, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 10:** vs. Brazoswood, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m. (PARENT NIGHT)
- SEPT. 17:** at Clear Falls, at Clear Creek ISD Veterans Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 23:** at Tompkins, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 30:** vs. Mayde Creek, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OPEN**
- OCT. 16:** at Katy, at Legacy Stadium, 11 a.m.
- OCT. 22:** vs. Taylor, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m. (HOMECOMING)
- OCT. 29:** at Morton Ranch, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- NOV. 5:** vs. Seven Lakes, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a process for Chris Dudley since he took over as head football coach at Cinco Ranch two years ago.

The Cougars have won just one game over the past two years, a 21-17 win over Mayde Creek last year. However, with the return of 30 letterman and a strong senior class, Dudley feels like this is the year the team makes the next step.

"It's been a really good spring and summer," Dudley said. "The kids understand that we are taking them through this and you can't skip steps in that process. In spring football, we had a lot of things answered on both sides of the ball and that's the first time since I've been here that we were able to do spring football. That carried into the summer and kids have continued to grow and get better and hone their crafts. They see that all these things fit together, and they understand what we are doing."

The Cougars return six starters on offense and eight on defense, and Dudley expects to rely on his upper-classman to lead the way.

"It's really big to have that number of guys back," Dudley said "When you look across this district, everyone has guys coming back so it's good for us to be able to keep pace with that and have about what everyone else is bringing back. But it's big for us because for these kids, the moment's not going to be too big for them."

Cinco Ranch had a competitive team last season, but just couldn't finish in close games.

The Cougars were in five one possession games, but lost four of them.

The next step for the team is to turn those close games

into wins, as they did against Mayde Creek.

"Our kids learned how to win last year in that Mayde Creek game, and it was huge for us to get that win," Dudley said. "It taught them that it's a four-quarter game. We made a number of big plays that made a difference in the second quarter, in the middle of the third quarter, and that's important as well. That and the four games we lost that were so close have been a lesson. The guys remember that, and they know they have to finish games off as well."

Fordham Parks will be a big piece in the secondary and will help quarterback the defense and get everyone lined up and will also be a punt and kick returner for the team, while Odera Nsobundu will help anchor the secondary. At linebacker, Kasey Murry returns to the team as a senior after having missed last season with a knee injury, and the team returns three starting defensive linemen.

Offensively, Gavin Rutherford will be under center for the second straight season after throwing for 1,372 yards and 11 touchdowns as a sophomore. Seth Salverino and Noah Abboud combined for over 1,000 yards receiving and eight touchdowns last season and will lead the wide receiving corps.

Cinco Ranch will open the season at College Park on Aug. 27 and will open district play against Tompkins on Sept. 23 at Rhodes Stadium.

"There's really a comfort level with the guys this year," Dudley said. "There's familiarity and knowledge with the schemes and that allows guys to play faster. The competitive nature of these guys is a joy to watch, and they're out to prove a lot of skeptics wrong. I just can't wait to get started."



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# MAVERICKS RETURN

## EXPERIENCED SQUAD

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

**R**on Counter finally feels comfortable heading into a season with who he has at quarterback.

Despite having two players competing for the position, Counter loves what he has seen from those candidates throughout the spring and summer.

“Both Josh Johnson and Mike Gerald have looked really good for us,” Counter said. “We have what I think are two really good quarterbacks. They can both run and throw and they’re both really smart. We are probably in the best shape we have ever been in my four years at Morton Ranch at the quarterback position.”

Johnson, a junior, and Gerald, a sophomore who will also play some at receiver, have pushed each other

throughout the spring and summer. With both practicing for the quarterback position, they’ve been able to help one another get better in that key role.

“They push each other but they also get along well,” Counter said. “Both of them are willing to do different things. Gerald plays some receiver, and Josh was wanting to play receiver over the summer when we would use Gerald at quarterback in 7-on-7. They’re just two great kids and it’s great to see.”

The Mavericks have finished fifth — one spot short of the playoffs each of the past two years. Morton Ranch lost two games on the final plays of games, something that Counter had never experienced before in his 33 years of coaching.

“That’s the first time I’ve been on a staff where we lost two

games literally on the last play of the game,” Counter said. “Those are heartbreaking, but I think the guys have learned from it and hopefully if we get into some close games this year, we can turn that into a win.”

Cinco Ranch returns six starters on offense and five on defense. Giving the Mavericks experienced options on both sides of the ball.

“We feel really good about what we have on offense,” Counter said. “With what we have at quarterback and our experience on the offensive line and at running back, we really feel like we could be special there. On defense though we are a little thin. We’re the school with the smallest enrollment at Katy ISD and we have some really good players — we just don’t have a lot of depth.”

Karsten Christopher, Jr. and Benen Lee have been selected as team captains and have stepped up into leadership roles as incoming seniors.

Zachary Sessions and Jakobe Hinton will be counted on within the offensive line to lead the way while Alexis Lima Kijuan Tavarez will help anchor the defense.

Ryan Hall and Dean Ford have impressed heading into their sophomore years and J. J. Arriaga brings consistency to the teams kicking game.

The Mavericks will open the season against Cy-Lakes on Aug. 28 and will face Katy Taylor in their district opener on Sept. 24.

“It’s an exciting time and we’re just ready to get going,” Counter said. “We’ve been competing and been in the hunt for a playoff spot these past two years. Hopefully we can make that jump this year and find a way to get into that three of four spot.”



Aaron Session blocks a Katy High player during a 19-6A district game  
COURTESY AARON SESSION

## MORTON RANCH SCHEDULE

- AUG. 28:** vs. Cy-Lakes, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m. (PARENT NIGHT)
- SEPT. 3:** at Paetow, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 9:** vs. Hastings, at Legacy Stadium 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 16:** vs. Lake Creek, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 24:** vs. Taylor, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OPEN**
- OCT. 8:** at Seven Lakes, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 15:** vs. Tompkins, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m. (HOMECOMING)
- OCT. 21:** at Mayde Creek, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 29:** vs. Cinco Ranch, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- NOV. 5:** vs. Katy, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.



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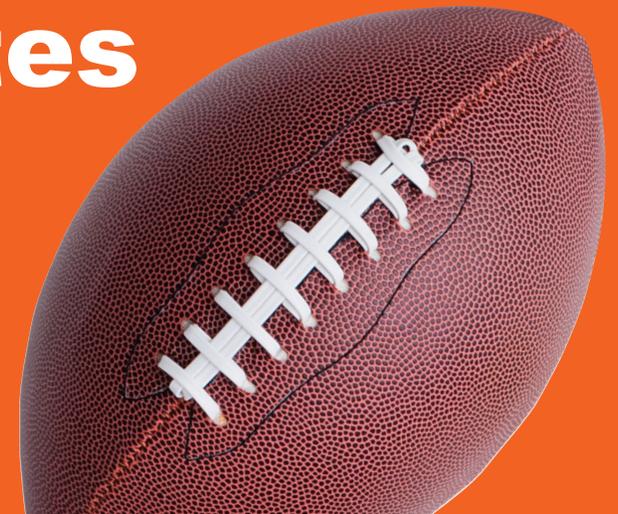
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Tyrone Irving runs after the catch during a game against Cy-Springs at Legacy Stadium.  
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### TAYLOR SCHEDULE

- AUG. 27:** vs. Clear Springs, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 4:** vs. Cy-Woods, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m. (PARENT NIGHT)
- SEPT. 10:** at Dickinson, at Sam Vantanza, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 16:** vs. The Woodlands, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 23:** at Seven Lakes, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 1:** vs. Tompkins, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m. (HOMECOMING)
- OCT. 8:** at Mayde Creek, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 16:** vs. Cinco Ranch, at Legacy Stadium, 11 a.m.
- OPEN**
- OCT. 28:** at Taylor, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- NOV. 5:** at Morton Ranch, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

**T**aylor wants to keep things going. The program has made the playoffs each of the past five seasons, and the past two years has made it to the state semifinals and regional semifinals. However, the team graduated a senior class of 38 in May that played a major role in those appearances.

Despite that, the Mustangs feel they have the talent to make another run and feels the extra experience his team has gained by being in those

playoff runs gives them an edge.

"I think that's one of the big keys as to why teams that make deep runs continue to do that even with people graduating," said Taylor head coach Chad Simmons. "There's a cycle when kids are playing more games. The kids at the lower levels get to continue to practice, they get to experience those games even if they aren't playing. It's just a cycle of giving you a better chance to be successful."

The Mustangs return four starters on both offense and defense, and Simmons feels comfortable with the depth on both sides of the ball.

"We had a really good senior class

and we have five Division I players and that's a hard thing to replace," Simmons said. "We don't really have those top end guys; we maybe have one or two. We really top to bottom have more good high school players that can be successful. We just have to get those guys prepared and ready and we're young in spots. The big key is getting those guys who haven't played in as many varsity games prepared for the grind of district play."

Michael Whitaker, the team's leading rusher and receiver, will be the lead back this season, while Hollis Robinson is expected to lead the receiving corps. Hay Nolan will help anchor the offensive line.

Joe Jefferson moved from safety to quarterback over the offseason and Simmons said he has showed real promise. Jackson Ingram is also working at quarterback.

"We have a real good group of guys with good speed at our skill positions," Simmons said. "They can stretch the field and so that's a really big thing we want to do offensively is put pressure on defenses by stretching the field both horizontally and vertically and forcing teams to get out of their comfort zone against us."

Defensively, the team feels good about Robinson and Jaden Burr in the secondary, Ashton Coker on the defensive line and Connor Vickery, Nick Goedde and Jayden Williams at linebacker.

The goal early in the season is to find a way to get better every time they step on the field, and learn in non-district play, which will start in the team's season opener against Cy-Springs.

"You always have some guys who haven't played a lot of varsity football, so it's huge to have that time to find out where they fit best," Simmons said. "Having those four games back before district is great and it helps prepare them."

Taylor will open district against Seven Lakes on Sept. 30.

"The key for being successful in any district is to have that consistency, and knowing that no matter which of the other six teams that we are playing, that every one of those games count to whether you get into the playoffs or not. You have to take every game seriously and know that they are all important when it comes to district games. You have to be ready week to week and prepare and adapt to opponents."



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# TOMPKINS

Joshua McMillan II celebrates after scoring a touchdown during Tompkins 24-19 win over Katy High at Legacy Stadium.

COLE MCNANNA | FILE PHOTO

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## TOMPKINS SCHEDULE

- AUG. 28:** vs. Magnolia, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 3:** at Clear Springs, at Challenger Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 11:** vs. Klein Collins, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 17:** vs. Clear Creek, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m. (HOMECOMING)
- SEPT. 23:** vs. Cinco Ranch, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 1:** at Katy, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 7:** vs. Taylor, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 15:** at Morton Ranch, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 22:** vs. Seven Lakes, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m. (PARENT NIGHT)
- OPEN**
- NOV. 4:** at Mayde Creek, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.

**BY TYLER TYRE**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**T**ompkins may be losing some marquee players this season, but the expectation of success hasn't changed in the program.

Head coach Todd McVey has built a program that expects to contend, as the Falcons have made the playoffs each of the past three years, reaching the regional round each season.

With an experienced squad returning, things are no different this year, and the team wants to repeat as District 19-6A champions.

"The determination is there every year; it's a new year and everyone wants that just as much," McVey said. "But our biggest thing is to take it one game at a time and make sure we get better. We're more interested in ourselves and seeing how we can improve

than we're interested with anyone else. We just have to focus on improving every day."

Tompkins returns eight starters offensively, but loses their starting backfield in Jalen Milroe, who is now at the University of Alabama, and Marquis Shoulders, who is now at the University of Tulsa.

McVey knows that it will be hard to replace what those two gave the team but hopes the returners can help along the younger players.

"The guys who were in the backfield were very talented, but we have some guys coming up who were on the varsity and were on the JV that have done good things," McVey said. "We look forward to seeing those guys grow into their own roles. It's going to be different and that's ok. We want them to be themselves and be the best version of themselves, and that's going to be the biggest part of their journey.

Cole Francis will step into the starting role at

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**— COACH TODD MCVEY**

quarterback. The senior led Tompkins junior varsity to a district championship last season and McVey has seen good things from him over the summer.

"He's done a great job of leading," McVey said. "Cole just does a great job of helping the guys. He's put himself out there and they respond to him. He's here every day, he's been at everything we do, and he leads by example. We are really excited about his leadership as well as his play on the field."

The team also returns five starters on defense, and the front seven should be a big area of strength with players such as Sean Dubose, Eti-ini Basse, Bryce Shaik, while cornerback Caleb Komolafe will help anchor the secondary.

"This year's seniors have done a really good job getting everyone prepared," McVey said. "They know that 'the crimson line' has been set high and they want to continue to raise that bar. It's not about how much you raise it, it's if you raise it and they want to continue

to do that. I just look forward to seeing them grow and continue what they've started."

Tompkins has big goals, but McVey is determined to take things day by day and not look too far ahead. A motto his players reiterate.

The Falcons will open the season Aug. 28 against Magnolia at Legacy Stadium and will open district play against Cinco Ranch on Sept. 23 at Rhodes Stadium.

"We want to get 1% better every day, no matter what," McVey said. "We want to come out on the field and feel good about what we have done because every time you come out here, you don't get it back. The seniors especially are on a countdown and they have to understand and appreciate every time they get out here. We have gratitude for what we have gone through the past couple years. It's great to be out here and have the opportunity for a full season again and we want to make the most of it."



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The Tompkins defense wraps up a Katy High ballcarrier during Falcons 24-19 win over Katy at Legacy Stadium.

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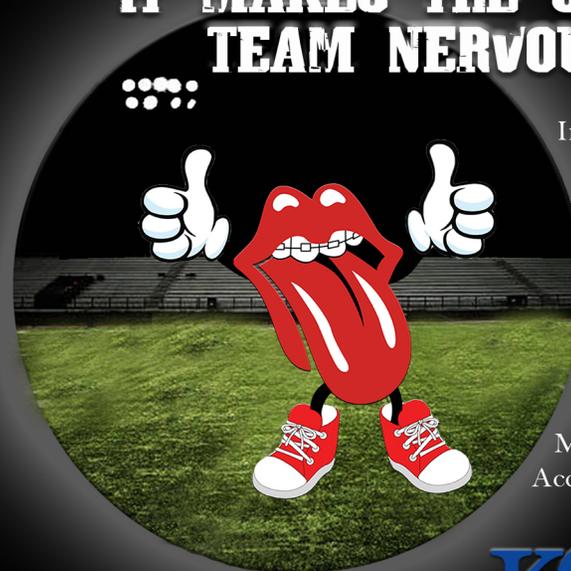


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# EXPECTATIONS RAISED FOR SPARTANS

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes made it back to the playoffs for just the fifth time in school history last season, but the ultimate goal still eludes them. That goal is the only thing on the Spartans' mind this year — get the school's first-ever playoff victory.

"The advantage we have now is that our guys know what to expect," said head coach Jimmy Hamon. "They've been there before, and they know what to expect in the playoffs. The first thing we have to do is make sure we get into the playoffs, and if we are lucky enough that we do, there won't be any shock or deer in the headlights. We know what to expect."

Last year's team made it to the Class 6A, Div. I bi-district round, but ran into a wall in the form of Fort Bend Ridge Point, which made it all the way to the regional final game.

Expectations are higher for the Spartans this year.

"It's not good enough anymore just to get there," Hamon said. "That was maybe the mentality prior to this coming year, but we've been there, we've done that and now it's time to take that next step. That experience of being there before is going to be huge for us and now we have to build on that."

Seven Lakes graduated 38 players from last year's team and returns five offensive starters and two defensive starters, but despite having a young defense, Hamon is confident in the group.

"The guys really have our schemes down and know our expectations on that side of the ball," Hamon said. "It allowed us to do things in the spring that are more advanced and even though we'll have nine new starters on defense, I think from game one you'll see that discipline and preparedness from them."

Offensively, Grayson Medford, who was the leading receiver on last year's team, will get the first shot at quarterback and has impressed Hamon so far with his ability to both run and throw. D.J. Nechvatal and Filbert Presley will lead the offensive line.

Hamon has liked what he's seen from Landon Ross at tight end who is moving up from JV last season. The team has three options at running back and Hamon feels comfortable with all of them.

"Medford is just a natural leader; he has a charisma about him," Hamon said. "Even when he played receiver, players just looked to him and so moving him to quarterback gives him that role even more. He's such a good athlete that we can't afford not to use his legs, his arm and his creative playmaking ability. We are going to have to find some targets for him, but our running backs and our tight end Landon Ross will do a good job taking some pressure off him."

Seven Lakes will face Houston Memorial on Aug. 27 at Rhodes Stadium to start the season and will open district against Katy High at Legacy Stadium on Sept. 23.



Seven Lakes senior running back Milton Jones jumps past a Mayde Creek defender during the Spartans' win over Mayde Creek at Legacy Stadium.

PHOTO BY COLE MCNANNA | FILE PHOTO

## TOMPKINS SCHEDULE

- AUG. 28:** vs. Magnolia, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 3:** at Clear Springs, at Challenger Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 11:** vs. Klein Collins, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 17:** vs. Clear Creek, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m. (HOMECOMING)
- SEPT. 23:** vs. Cinco Ranch, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 1:** at Katy, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 7:** vs. Taylor, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 15:** at Morton Ranch, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 22:** vs. Seven Lakes, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m. (PARENT NIGHT)
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- NOV. 4:** at Mayde Creek, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.

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# MAYDE CREEK

## READY TO BOUNCE BACK AFTER CHALLENGING SEASON

### MAYDE CREEK SCHEDULE

- AUG. 27:** at Conroe High, at Moorehead Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 2:** at Cy-Lakes, at Cy-Fair FCU Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
- SEPT. 9:** at Nimitz, at Thorne Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OPEN**
- SEPT. 24:** vs. College Park, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m. (HOMECOMING)
- SEPT. 30:** at Cinco Ranch, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 8:** vs. Katy, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 15:** at Taylor, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 21:** vs. Morton Ranch, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 29:** vs. Seven Lakes, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
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Mayde Creek has their third coach in three years in J Jensen and will look for more stability in the upcoming season.

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**“LEADERSHIP IS EARNED THROUGH SWEAT AND THE RESPECT YOU DEMAND ON THE FIELD, AND SOME GUYS HAVE DEFINITELY EARNED THAT SO FAR. ... IF WE MAKE A MISTAKE THEY DON’T YELL OR PUT THEM DOWN, THEY GO AND ENCOURAGE THE GUY AND HELP THEM FIX IT, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT.”**

**— COACH J JENSEN**

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

**W**hen J Jensen was hired as the head football coach of Mayde Creek, he knew that he had a special opportunity.

Although the Rams missed the playoffs last season and only won one game in District 19-6A, the team’s best season in over two decades came the season before under now Jordan head coach Mike Rabe.

It was also a chance for Jensen to return home to the school where he graduated in 1998 and was an assistant coach at from 2005-2010.

“It’s been great,” Jensen said. “My biggest thing is instilling being a great teammate, being a leader in the community and doing exactly what’s right for the Rams. From the time that we’ve got here to now, you can see that guys have grown. When we first got here, guys might yell after an incomplete pass — now they’re picking the ball up and talking to the quarterback and trying to figure things out. We want to teach people how to be leaders and how to pick their teammates up.”

For this year’s senior class, it’s the third head coach they’ve had in three years. But the team has bought in to Jensen’s culture and has taken to the new offense and defense that have been installed.

“They’ve been doing a lot of learning and they’ve been focused and ready,” Jensen said. “They’re learning exactly what their job is on every play and just doing your job on that, not someone else’s. Don’t try to step outside the scheme, don’t try to do too much. Let the scheme win on defense and offense and focus on what you should be doing. If all 11

people do that, then we will be in great shape.”

The Rams lost 28 players to graduation this year and return 15 varsity players, but only three offensive starters and five defensive starters.

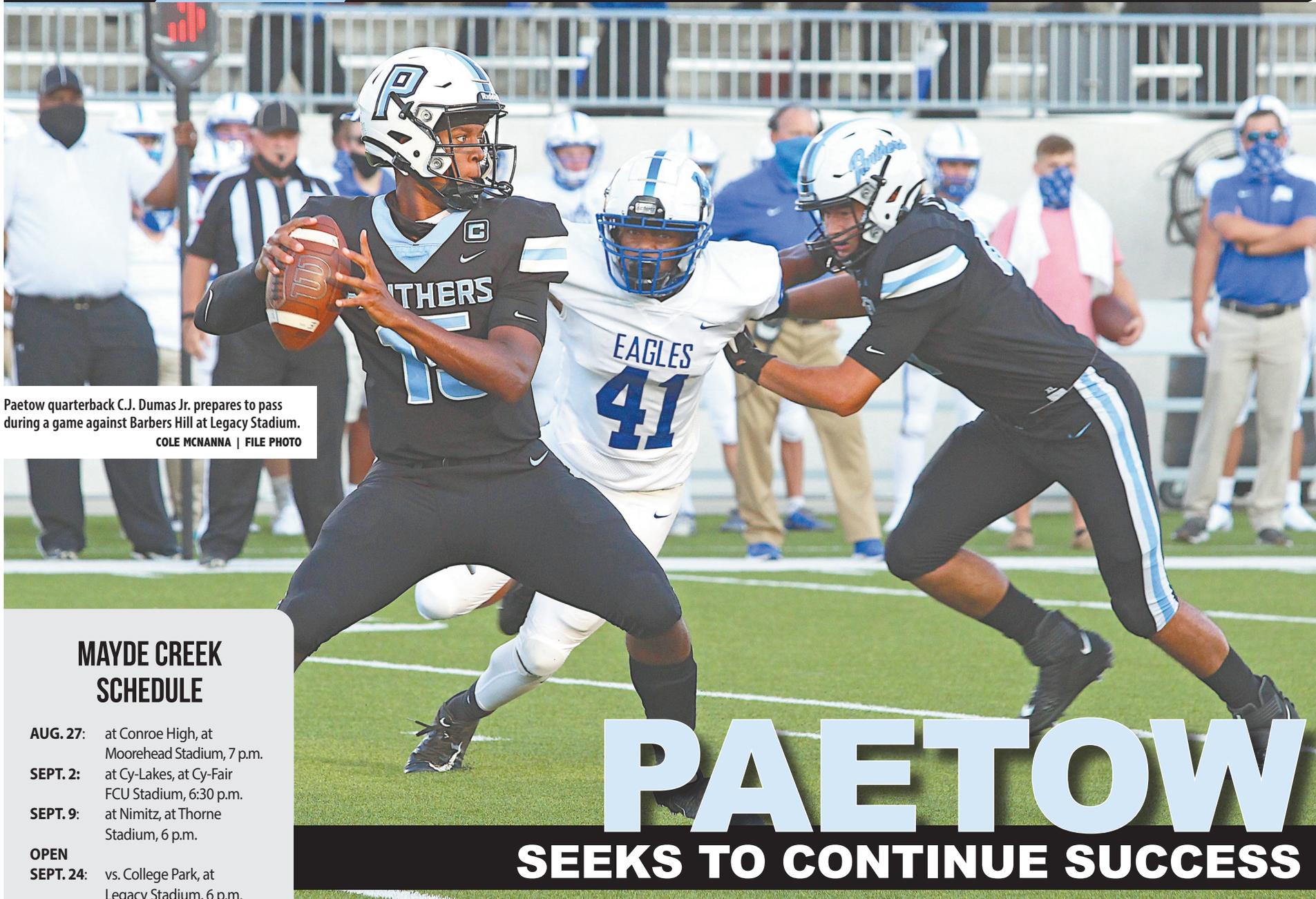
Still, Jensen has seen leadership from players trying to help people without varsity experience understand what it takes to be successful.

“Leadership is earned through sweat and the respect you demand on the field, and some guys have definitely earned that so far,” Jensen said. “Our seniors have done a great job and so have our juniors. They really are pushing each other to get to that next level and holding their teammates accountable. If we make a mistake, they don’t yell or put them down — they go and encourage the guy and help them fix it, which is exactly what you want.”

Key players for the team include Jordan Kelly (WR, S), Tay’Shawn Wilson (CB, S), Emiliano Gonzalez (OL) and Leroy Turner (WR) as well as the team’s edge rushers on defense, including Greg Meeks, Xavier Hansen and Kyle Johnson.

Mayde Creek will open its schedule at Cypress Lakes on Sept. 2 and will open district play against Cinco Ranch at Rhodes Stadium.

“The kids are doing better every day,” Jensen said. “That’s the key is to keep getting better and have that consistency. It’s going to be great once we have that film to look at and show them so that we can continue to make improvements and show them how to pay attention to detail and focus on exactly what they have to do on every play. That’s how you get better and how you’ll be ready for district.”



Paetow quarterback C.J. Dumas Jr. prepares to pass during a game against Barbers Hill at Legacy Stadium.  
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# PAETOW

## SEEKS TO CONTINUE SUCCESS

**BY TYLER TYRE**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

**T**he past two years have been steps up for the Paetow Panthers.

2019 gave the school its first playoff berth and 2020 gave the Panthers their first playoff win.

But then disaster struck the program heading into the Class 5A, DI area round as the school was forced to shut down because of an abun-

dance of COVID-19 cases, ending the Panthers season prematurely. But that has lit a fire under this year's squad.

"These guys have worked so hard," said Paetow head coach B.J. Gotte. "Really as soon as we got back from Christmas break in January, they've pushed things. Our seniors especially put themselves in a position to go and compete and have a good year this year."

The Panthers have reached each

of their goals the past two years with getting to the playoffs and winning a playoff game, but they are ready to take the next step and see how far this group can go.

"We have to continue to stay hungry and not get distracted by all the things that impact success on the football field," Gotte said. "That's kind of the thing we are going to really have to dial in on, eliminating those outside distractions and focusing on improving ourselves as a team and

Paetow players celebrate in the endzone during a game against Barbers Hill at Legacy Stadium.

COLE MCNANNA | FILE PHOTO



being the best teammate we can be. If we do that, I really do think we have a chance to be something special.”

Paetow returns eight defensive starters this season and the unit will be led by Kentrell Webb, Michael Jordan and Alex Kilgore. With that much experience on the defensive side of the ball, Gotte expects big things from Paetow’s defense.

Offensively, the Panthers return four starters, but that does include quarterback C.J. Dumas, running back Jacob Brown and wide receiver Kole Wilson.

“It’s tremendous to have that many people back,” Gotte said “This senior class is a group where we have a handful of three-year starters on both sides of the ball and they’re really the first group that’s been in our program since its inception, with them being in eighth grade when we opened. We’re excited about the opportunity to reach those high expectations we have, but we have to put in the work and the preparation to be able to maximize our opportunities.”

The biggest question mark for the team is on the line, both offensively and defensively.

“We only have one returning starter on both our offensive and defensive line unit, but we really have

had some young kids step up,” Gotte said. “They really did a good job in the spring and solidified their roles and I’m excited about our ability and potential there. But that’s going to be the biggest thing we will have to look at as coaches is the line play on both sides of the ball, coaching them up and getting them ready for district.”

Paetow will be in a competitive District 10-5A that includes a regional finalist last year in Manvel, a regional semifinalist in Fort Bend Hightower and an area finalist in Richmond Foster.

The Panthers will open the season at Barbers Hill on Aug. 27 and will travel to Richmond Foster to open district on Sept. 10.

“The district is really deep,” Gotte said “Manvel, Foster, Hightower - those are the names you always hear, but Terry had a decent year last year. Angleton is talented and well coached. So, there’s really six teams that are really good football teams. We have to be at our best because if we aren’t, we are going to get beat. We just have to stay focused on the process, working on what we need to work on every day and doing those things that will put us in position to be at our very best. If we do those things and stay focused, I think we are going to do pretty well.”

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# JORDAN

## EXCITED FOR FIRST VARSITY SEASON

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

There's a different feeling at Jordan this year. While the Warriors may not have a chance to get in the playoffs this year, as the school is currently without a district until next year's realignment, it will be the first year for Jordan to have a varsity program and the excitement is showing.

"It's been great around here," said Jordan head coach Mike Rabe. "They've bought into what we are selling, and they have created a piece of their own culture here. The kids have taken ownership of us creating a hard-working culture. They push the narrative in the locker room and out at practice; it's just fun to watch. We gave them tools to work with, and for them to grab it and take off has been exciting."

Jordan, which will have freshman through junior students this year and is the newest high school in Katy ISD, planned on competing against varsity competition last year, but with COVID-19 changing team schedules, Rabe's plan was forced back a year. Jordan had a JV schedule last season and this year will be the introduction of varsity.

"It's huge to be able to play against other varsity teams this year," Rabe said. "We're excited about it. It gives us film on the opponent. It gives us the whole breakdown of how to game plan — lets us have a weekend operation. It's just really good for our kids to get this experience and have them know what to expect once we have a district next year."

Rabe said players are taking accountability and leadership has grown from the players going into their second years.

"We've got a great junior class right now and just to watch those guys' growth from the beginning of last year to where they are now has been exciting," he said. "They do things right and it's the whole group of them that does it the right way. It's just been outstanding from them and as a coach it's been so fun to watch."

Juniors who have stood out and taken



Colin Willetts stiff arms a defender during a Jordan practice.  
PHOTO BY TYLER TYRE

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**—COACH MIKE RABE**

up leadership roles include Nicholas Hollinger and Ryan Miller as well as the entire offensive and defensive line, which are filled with juniors.

Collin Willis and Deuce Barrington will battle for the starting spot at quarterback this season, and Rabe has been impressed out of what he has seen from the two.

"Seeing those two guys compete against each other for that starting spot has been great," Rabe said. "Day in, day out, through the spring and summer they've given it everything and it's been really fun to watch. They're both great players."

Jordan will play at Waco La Vega in its season opener on Aug. 27 before facing Danbury at Rhodes Stadium on Sept. 3. The team can't wait to finally get things going.

"I'm really excited, I'm proud of the work they've put in and I can't wait to get some games under the lights and do some of that traveling that's unique," Rabe said. "I want to see how they go out there and perform and see what we're good at and what we need to fix. It's going to be rewarding to see them go out in those type of situations and compete."

### JORDAN SCHEDULE

- AUG. 27:** at Waco La Vega, at Waco La Vega, 7:30 p.m.
- SEPT. 3:** vs. Danbury, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 9:** vs. L.C.M., at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 17:** at Davenport-Comal, at Davenport-Comal High, 7:30 p.m.
- SEPT. 24:** at Lake Belton, at Lake Belton High, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 1:** vs. Hitchcock, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OPEN**
- OCT. 16:** vs. Lake Belton, at Rhodes Stadium, noon
- OCT. 21-23:** TBD
- OCT. 29:** vs. Pieper, TBD, 7 p.m.
- NOV. 6:** vs. Davenport, at Legacy Stadium, noon

# ROYALS

## AT THE READY

BY MELANI ALANIS  
EDITORIAL INTERN

**T**he Royal Falcons have been working hard this year preparing for the upcoming season.

“We had a good off-season strength and conditioning program, we have more players coming in and we had a good football camp,” Royal head coach Theadis Reagins said. “These are the types of things that are going to take us to the next level.”

The team has been hard at work this summer trying to better themselves and find recruits because of the seniors that graduated from the team.

“One of the benefits of this program is being able to have these guys for 6 weeks in the summertime, lifting weights, and doing the strength and conditioning camp,” Reagins said. “That was a huge benefit, having those 6 weeks available to us this year.”

The team lost 9 varsity players due to graduation, but they have 15 returning players with 7 of them being defensive starters.

“I think the defense can be really strong because of the experience that they have on that side of the ball, so I think the defense can be the strongest point of the team,” Reagins said.

While the past seniors' leadership will be missed, many players have stepped up this season; seniors Kobe Lewis and AJ Ball, as well as non-seniors Deshawn Adams and Derrick Noel, have led the way.

“We have a lot of leaders in our team, a lot of hard workers. I think we're going to be good this season,” Lewis said.

Getting the team ready means assigning the players their positions, and there is a quarterback battle brewing between Lewis and Noel.

“It's still early, so we don't know. We haven't played a game yet, so we can't say exactly who is going to be the starting quarterback,” Reagins said.

The team record from last season was 2-5 with 1-4 in district play, and the last playoff appearance was in 2017 with a bi-district

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—COACH THEADIS REAGINS



Royal Falcons players pause for a photo during a pre-season practice.  
MELANI ALANIS



Football Coach Theadis Reagins

appearance, and the team is ready to get back into it.

“The thing that it takes to be successful in any district, regardless of the competition, is teams having the discipline, structure, commitment, regardless of what district you're in is the commitment that it takes to be good,” Reagins said.

The Royal High School students have been working hard, and Noel, a sophomore, has said that he sees everyone getting better and winning more games because of it.

The Falcons will travel to Hempstead on Aug. 27 for the team's first game of the season, and will face Sealy on Oct. 8 in their district opener.

“I expect our guys to just go out every week, week-in and week-out and just compete to the best of their abilities, trust the training that the coaches have given them throughout the week, be better prepared, and be mentally focused for the rest of the season,” Reagins said.

## ROYAL SCHEDULE

- AUG. 27:** vs. Hempstead, at Falcon Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 4:** at Waskom, at Jimmy E. Cox Stadium, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 10:** vs. Caldwell, at Falcon Stadium, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 17:** at Austin Northeast, at Nelson Field, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 24:** vs. Boling, at Falcon Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OPEN**
- OCT. 8:** at Sealy, at T.J. Mills Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 15:** at La Marque, at Stingaree Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 22:** vs. Bellville, at Falcon Stadium, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 29:** at Sweeny, at Bulldog Stadium, 7 p.m.
- NOV. 5:** vs. Wharton, at Falcon Stadium, 7 p.m.

# ST. JOHN XXIII

## LOOKS FOR BOUNCE-BACK SEASON



St. John XXIII players go through practice.

COURTESY CLAY RICHARDSON

### ST. JOHN XXIII SCHEDULE

- AUG. 27:** at Houston Village, 7 p.m.  
**SEPT. 3:** at Fort Bend Christian, 7 p.m.  
**SEPT. 10:** vs. Woodlands Christian, 7 p.m.  
**SEPT. 17:** at Kinkaid, 7 p.m.  
**SEPT. 24:** at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.  
**OCT. 1:** at St. Pius X, 7 p.m.  
**OPEN**  
**OCT. 15:** vs. Concordia Lutheran, 7 p.m.  
**OCT. 22:** vs. Antonian Prep, 7 p.m.  
**OCT. 29:** at San Antonio Central Catholic, 7 p.m.  
**NOV. 5:** vs. San Antonio Christian, 7 p.m.

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**— COACH CLAY RICHARDSON**

BY NITYA HOSUR  
EDITORIAL INTERN

**S**t. John XXIII is preparing for a return to the gridiron for the fall season.

The team is trying to bounce back and have a better season after going 1-7 overall and 1-5 in district (TAPPS Division I, District 2). Their last playoff appearance was in 2018 at the TAPPS Division V State Champions. The team has lost 11 players to graduation this year but has 22 varsity players returning.

The team returns experience on both sides of the ball, with seven offensive starters and eight defensive starters back again this season. Head coach Clay Richardson said that having this experience helps the players prepare for more on the field. He said they have also had the chance to refine their skills and improve. The players are excited for the chance to have a full season to continually get better.

Defensively, a lot of the previous team members are returning. Richardson said this will play to their advantage because they have prior experience on the field and know what to expect.

Going through the spring and summer strength and conditioning, Richardson said that the team is looking very good, and after working hard they have risen significantly since last year.

“We’ve been doing it for a while,” Richardson said, “but now it’s starting to show the fruits of our labor.”

In order to take the next step to reach the playoffs, Richardson said he would like the team numbers to be a bit bigger and better. He said that although that change won’t happen overnight, the team’s growth and determination will impact future seasons.

“They have to believe in themselves, they have to believe in their teammates, they have to believe in their coaches, and they have to

believe in everything,” Richardson said.

Richardson said the team is getting ready for practice again. The first week, the team played with helmets, and then with pads. Richardson said they are currently installing their offensive and defensive plans. Richardson said he is also focusing on individuals by improving their strengths and minimizing their weaknesses.

Richardson said there is also a lot of potential in many of the returning team members and some newcomers as well. Three of the seniors have been named captains, and Richardson said that although it is not necessary to be a senior to be a captain, these three have shown leadership qualities and are key players on the field. The captains are Jackson McGaha, who has also been the team MVP for the past two years; Ethan Mills, who is a four-year starter; and offensive and middle linebacker Julian Urrego. Richardson said that there are also other returning members with good leadership qualities, such as quarterback Carter Suire, who started last year. Richardson said that all these members and others are improving the team’s playing ability and that some of the seniors are already being scouted by colleges.

Richardson said the goal of the team is to have successes on the field. He said the team will take the matches one day at a time. Richardson said that the team has had many successes before, and earlier when the team was in a lower division, they had an outstanding year followed by a good year. Richardson said that they want to improve on last year after losing a few players and are working their hardest to reach the playoffs.

“We want kids that have the will to prepare to win,” Richardson said, “that are willing to put the work in when no one is looking and do what it takes to be a success.”

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## FAITH WEST 6-MAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- AUG. 27:** vs. Brazosport Christian, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 3:** at Baytown Christian, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 10:** vs. Fort Bend Chargers, 7 p.m.
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- OCT. 1:** at Conroe Covenant, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 8:** vs. Allen Academy, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 15:** vs. Galveston O'Connell, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 22:** vs. Giddings State, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 30:** at Emery/Weiner, 7 p.m.
- NOV. 5:** vs. Logos Prep, 7 p.m.



## VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:

- AUG. 27 & 28:** at McKinney Christian
- AUG. 31:** at Westbury Christian, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 7:** vs. Bay Area Christian, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 9:** vs. Ft. Bend Christian, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 14:** at Covenant Christian, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 16:** vs. Grace Christian, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 17:** at Galveston O'Connell, TBA
- SEPT. 21:** at St. Agnes, TBA
- SEPT. 23:** vs. Fort Bend Christian Homeschool, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 24:** vs. St. Thomas Episcopal, 7:30 p.m.
- SEPT. 28:** at Grace Christian, TBA
- SEPT. 30,** at Brazos Christian, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 12,** at Cypress Christian, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 14,** vs. Legacy Prep, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 19,** vs. Cypress Christian, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 21:** at Northland Christian, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 26:** at Legacy Prep, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 28:** vs. Northland Christian, 6 p.m.

## CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

- AUG. 28:** Preseason 2-mile relay race, Houston NW Church, 7 a.m.
- SEPT. 4:** at Burroughs Park, 8 a.m.
- SEPT. 11:** at Challenger Park, 8:10 a.m.
- SEPT. 18:** at Tonkaway Ranch, 8 a.m.
- SEPT. 25:** at The Woodlands Christian Academy, 8:30 a.m.
- OCT. 2:** at Mason Creek Park, 8 a.m.
- OCT. 9:** At Spring Creek Park, 8 a.m.
- OCT. 16:** at Westlake Prep., 8 a.m.
- OCT. 23,** district meet at Houston NW Church, TBA
- NOV. 1:** at Cottonwood Creek Golf Club, 9:15 a.m.



# CHARGERS

## READY FOR FALL SEASON

**ABOVE:** Madisen Skinner blocks a kill attempt during a match in 2019.

**RIGHT:** Faith West will open its cross country season on Sept. 4 at Burroughs Park.

**TOP:** The Chargers went 0-6 last season and will be looking to have a bounce back year.

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**ABOVE:** Katy High receiver Nic Anderson (4) celebrates after the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over Cedar Hill on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

**RIGHT:** Katy High running back Jalen Davis powers for yards during the Tigers' 51-14 win over Cedar Hill at AT&T Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Katy won the Class 6A-Division II state championship.



# TIGER REWIND



**LEFT:** Katy High players celebrate their 51-14 win over Cedar Hill at AT&T Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Katy won the Class 6A-Division II state championship.

**ABOVE:** Katy High quarterback Caleb Koger looks downfield during the first half of the Tigers' 51-14 win over Cedar Hill at AT&T Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Katy won the Class 6A-Division II state championship.



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**TOP PHOTO:** Katy's Shepherd Bowling (25) and Cohen Dearman (94) corral Shadow Creek's Isaiah Harper (6) during a Region III 6A Division 2 semifinal at Freedom Field in Iowa Colony.

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**ABOVE:** Taylor running back Michael Whitaker hauls in a scoring catch during a game against Mayde Creek at Legacy Stadium.

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**LEFT:** Dalton Johnson breaks up a pass intended for Seth Salverino.

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